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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

W.J.MORRISSEY, M.B., B.CH., D.P.H.

and the

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

K. ASHWORTH, M.A.P.H.I.

for the year

1970

ASHBOURNE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

TO THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ASHBOURNE

Public Health Department,
Compton Offices,
Ashbourne,
Derbyshire.
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25th January, 1972.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report on the health and sanitary circumstances of the Urban District for the year ended 31st December, 1970.

The Registrar General's estimate of population of the district for mid 1970 was 5,620, a decrease of 60 on last year's figures.

The figures for the number of births during the year is 91 that is 45 males and 46 females. This represents an increase of 5 on the previous year's figures when 86 births (46 males and 40 females) were registered. The number of deaths registered during the year was 95 (52 males and 43 females), and this figure shows an increase of 5 on that for the previous year.

Deaths from cancer of all sites numbered 14 representing 14.7% of all deaths, and deaths from cancer of the lung and bronchus was classed as being responsible for 6 deaths.

The Infant Mortality Rate of 18.0 per thousand live births for the country was the same low rate as in 1969. This trend was reflected in this area with a rate of 22 per thousand live births.

A total of 11 notifications of infectious diseases were recorded during the year, made up as follows: 9 Measles, 1 Whooping Cough and 1 Tuberculosis Other.

During the year the only important piece of Public Health legislation for District Councils was the Agricultural Act, 1970, which came into force in May. It imposes heavy fines on any person summarily convicted of selling, other than for slaughter, any cattle known to be suffering from Brucella Abortus. In addition to this, the Government has now produced an incentive scheme where farmers with registered Brucella-free herds get bonus payments on milk or beef.

Also, designated areas are being created up and down the country where all herds must become Brucella-free. Derbyshire is not included in this scheme as yet.

I have once again to place on record my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee, to Dr. A.H. Snaith, the County Medical Officer, to the General Practitioners, the Clerk of the Council, and the Public Health Inspector and other Chief Officers, for their support and assistance, and to the staff of the Department for their untiring efforts during the year.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

W.J.Morrissey

Medical Officer of Health

STATISTICS OF THE AREA

Area of the District in Acres	1,075		
Estimated Mid-Year Population 1970	5,620		
Estimated Number of houses	1,950		
Rateable Value	£195,418		
Product of Penny Rate	£780		
Rate in the pound		13.	0.
Loan at 31st March, 1971			
Housing	£711,732.	0.	0.
Housing Advances	£7,910.	0.	0.
Markets	£6,736.	0.	0.
Cemetery	£612.	0.	0.
Sewage Disposal	£1,725.	0.	0.
Public Conveniences	£3,418.	0.	0.
Street Lighting	£6,338.	0.	0.
Flood Prevention	£2,661.	0.	0.
Reimbursable Loan Debt	£2,090.	0.	0.
'Bus Station	£2,327.	0.	0.
Recreation Ground	£6,125.	0.	0.
Central Area	£38,475.	0.	0.
Improvement Grants	£18,729.	0.	0.
Town Hall	£7,000.	0.	0.
Industrial Site	£7,829.	0.	0.
	£823,707.	0.	0.

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births	Males	Females	Total
Total	45	46	91
Legitimate	44	38	82
Illegitimate	1	8	9

Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population	16.2
Area Comparability Factor	1.10
Adjusted Birth Rate	17.8
England and Wales Birth Rate for 1970	16.0

Illegitimate Live Births formed 9.8% of the total Live Births

Still Births	Males	Females	Total
Total	-	1	1
Legitimate	-	1	1
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 Live and Still Births	11
England and Wales Still Birth Rate for 1970	13

Total Live and Still Births	Males	Females	Total
Total	45	47	92
Legitimate	44	39	83
Illegitimate	1	8	9

Deaths	Males	Females	Total
	52	43	95

Crude Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population	16.9
Area Comparability Factor	0.70
Adjusted Death Rate	11.8
England and Wales Death Rate for 1970	11.7

Infant Deaths (Deaths under 1 Year)

	Males	Females	Total
Total	1	1	2
Legitimate	-	1	1
Illegitimate	1	-	1

Infant Mortality Rates

Total Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 total Live Births	22
Infant Mortality Rate England and Wales for 1970	18
Legitimate Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Legitimate Live Births	12
Illegitimate Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Illegitimate Live Births	11

Neo-Natal Mortality (Deaths under 4 weeks)

	Males	Females	Total
Total	-	-	-
Legitimate	-	-	-
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Neo-Natal Mortality Rate per 1,000 total Live Births	Nil
Neo-Natal Mortality Rate for England and Wales for 1970	12

Early Neo-Natal Mortality (Deaths under 1 week)

	Males	Females	Total
Total	-	-	-
Legitimate	-	-	-
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate per 1,000 total Live Births	Nil
Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate for England and Wales for 1970	11

Perinatal Mortality (Still Births and Deaths under 1 week combined)

	Males	Females	Total
Total	-	1	1
Legitimate	-	1	1
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Perinatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 total Live and Still Births	11
Perinatal Mortality Rate for England and Wales for 1970	23

Maternal Mortality (including abortion)

Number of Deaths Nil

Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live and Still Births Nil

Deaths from Cancer (all forms)	Males	Females	Total
	11	3	14

Deaths from Cancer (Lung and Bronchus)	Males	Females	Total
	6	-	6

CAUSES OF DEATHS REGISTERED DURING 1970

The following table shows the cause of deaths registered during 1970.

Cause of Death	Males	Females	Total
Other infective and parasitic diseases	1	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	1	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, intestine	1	1	2
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	6	-	6
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	2	2
Other malignant neoplasms	3	-	3
Diabetes mellitus	-	2	2
Avitaminoses, etc.	1	-	1
Other diseases of nervous system	2	-	2
Chronic rheumatic heart disease	-	1	1
Hypertensive disease	1	-	1
Ischaemic heart disease	17	12	29
Other forms of heart disease	1	1	2
Cerebrovascular disease	12	12	24
Other diseases of circulatory system	1	8	9
Influenza	1	-	1
Bronchitis and emphysema	1	-	1
Cirrhosis of liver	-	1	1
Other diseases of digestive system	-	1	1
Congenital anomalies	1	1	2
Motor vehicle accidents	1	-	1
All other accidents	1	1	2
Total	52	43	95

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The total number of notifications of infectious disease received during 1970 was 11 as compared with 76 in 1969.

Age Incidence of Cases of Infectious Disease

The following table shows the incidence of infectious disease notified by age group.

Disease	Age Unknown	Under 1 Year	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-9	10-14	15-24	25 and Over	Total
Measles	-	2	-	3	1	2	-	1	-	-	9
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Tuberculosis Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Total	-	2	-	3	2	2	-	1	-	1	11

One case of infectious disease was removed to hospital.

The following table shows the notifications of infectious diseases received month by month throughout the year.

Disease	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
Measles	-	-	-	1	4	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	9
Whooping Cough	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Tuberculosis other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Total	-	1	-	1	4	2	2	-	-	-	-	1	11

MEASLES

9 cases of Measles were notified as against 75 in 1969.

B.C.G. VACCINATION

The two schemes in operation, that is the scheme administered by the Chest Physicians on the one hand and the County Council on the other, continued to operate throughout the year. The Scheme administered by the Chest Physicians is limited to children who have been in contact with cases of Respiratory Tuberculosis and the County Council Scheme is for school children of the age of 13 years and upwards.

DIPHTHERIA AND DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

No cases if diphtheria have been notified in the district during the year under review.

I am indebted to Dr. A.H. Saaith, County Medical Officer, who has kindly supplied the following details regarding diphtheria immunisations carried out during the year in this district.

Record cards received of children immunised during the year are as follows :

Primary Immunisations	-	119
Booster Injections	-	90

This gives an increase of 82 primary immunisations and an increase of 16 booster injections as compared with last year's figures.

POLIOMYELITIS AND POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION

It gives me great pleasure once again to report that no confirmed cases of poliomyelitis occurred in the district during the year, but freedom from infection can only be maintained if parents continued to bring their children for vaccination.

RUBELLA VACCINATION

Vaccination against rubella came into operation last year and was offered to all girls between their 11th and 14th birthdays, but that initially priority should be given to older girls, i.e. those in their 14th year. The purpose of this recommendation is to ensure that as many girls as possible are offered protection against rubella by vaccination before reaching child-bearing age, because of the known association of certain foetal abnormalities with German Measles infection in pregnancy.

IMMUNISATION AGAINST WHOOPING COUGH AND TETANUS

Arrangements for immunisation against these two complaints is available throughthe perbyshire County Council and the same arrangements remained in force throughout the year. Injections are given at the County Council Clinic, or by the General Practitioners and booster doses are given after the recommended interval has elapsed.

Although no longer a major problem in England and Wales tetanus continues to take a regular toll of human lives. This is all the more disappointing as there is good evidence that active immunisation provides a high degree of protection. Immunisation at the time of injury in previously unimmunised persons is less reliable, and once the disease has taken hold the best available treatment is uncertain.

In 1964 preventative measures against tetanus were reviewed by an advisory group who concluded that, as active immunisation is the only measure which affords reliable protection, universal active immunisation should be the ultimate goal and reasonable steps should be taken to achieve routine immunisation (Ministry of Health, 1964). This advice was repeated in letters from the Chief Medical Officer to Medical Officers of Health and Practitioners in September 1965 (Ministry of Health, 1965, a and b), and also appears in Memorandum Immunisation against Infectious Disease (Central Health Services Council 1968).

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 - SECTION 47
NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1951

These two Acts give authority to secure necessary care and attention for persons who:

(a) are suffering from grave chronic diseases, or being aged and infirm or physically incapacitated are living in insanitary conditions, and

(b) are unable to devote to themselves, and are not receiving from other persons proper care and attention.

It was not found necessary to take any formal action under these Acts during the year.

EXFOLIATIVE CYTOLOGY (COMMONLY CALLED SMEAR TESTS FOR CANCER OF THE NECK OF THE WOMB

Derbyshire County Council accepts the value of exfoliative cytology in the early diagnosis of cancer of the cervix of the uterus, and since the 29th June, 1964, the County Health Committee has agreed to some of their medical staff collecting smears for cytological examination at certain County Council Clinics, and these facilities are now available at :

Belper Clinic, Field Lane, Belper.
Derby Clinic, Cathedral Road, Derby.
Matlock Clinic, Lime Grove Walk, Matlock.
Ripley Clinic, Derby Road, Ripley.
Wirksworth Clinic, Church Street, Wirksworth.

Any one requiring this examination should contact the Health Visitor at any of these Clinics.

AMBULANCE SERVICE

The responsibility for the provision for Ambulance Service under Section 27 of the National Health Service Act, 1946, rests with the Derbyshire County Council, as the Local Authority.

The Ambulance Station at Ashbourne is situated in Park Avenue, near the Fire Station and is manned from 8.00 a,m. to midnight. Whilst the peridd midnight to 8.00 a.m. is covered by personnel on stand-by duty, additional cover is afforded by the main station at Mickleover which is manned throughout the 24 hours. The establishment of the Ashbourne Ambulance Station is : 1 Superintendent, 1 Senior Driver, and 8 Driver/Attendants.

WELFARE OF AGED ANDHANDICAPPED PERSONS

Mrs. M. Moran, Compton Offices, Ashbourne - Tuesday 2.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. District Office, 8a Bold Lane, Derby. Telephone Derby 32931.

HOSPITAL SERVICES

Cases of infectious disease occurring in the district may be removed to the Derwent Hospital, Derby.

Cases of Tuberculosis requiring admission to hospital are referred to the Chest Physician, Chest Centre, Green Lane, Derby. (Telephone Derby 47866), and maybe admitted to the Derwent Hospital, Draycott Hospital or to Walton Hospital, Chesterfield.

All admissions and discharges of cases of infectious disease, including Tuberculosis, are notified to the District Medical Officer of Health.

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS

All Bacteriological Examinational in connection with milk, water, food supplies and infectious disease are carried out at the Public Health Laboratory (Medical Research Council), 121a Osmaston Road, Derby. (Telephone Derby 47141 Ext.332).

Specimens taken by Medical Practitioners are forwarded direct to the Laboratory and the results are not communicated to this department except when a positive result leads to notifications under the Infectious Diseases Regulations.

WELFARE SERVICE

Ante-Natal Clinic

Ashbourne, St. Oswald's Hospital.. Thursday 1.30 p.m. to 4.15 p.m. Telephone Ashbourne 2121.

Infant Welfare Centre

Ashbourne, Empire Social Centre, Station Street, Wednesday 1.30 p.m. to 4.15 p.m.

Welfare Foods Distribution Centres

Ashbourne, 4 Town Hall Yard. Tuesday and Thursday 10.0 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. and 2.00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Saturday 9.00 a.m. to 12 noon.

Ashbourne, Empire Social Centre Station Street, Wednesday 1.30 p.m. to 4.15 p.m.

Dental Clinic

Ashbourne, St. Oswald's Hospital. 2nd and 4th Thursday. Telephone Ashbourne 2121.

Eye Clinic

Derby, Cathedral Road. 2nd and 5th Monday a.m. 1st, 3rd and 4th Monday p.m. Telephone Derby 45934.

Minor Ailment Clinic

Ashbourne, St. Oswald's Hospital. 2nd and 4th Wednesday a.m. Doctor present. Telephone Ashbourne 2121.

Orthopaedic Clinic

Derby, Cathedral Road, Thursday. Telephone Derby 45934.

Speech Therapy Clinic

Ashbourne, 4 Town Hall Yard (Temporarily unstaffed).

Chiropody Clinic

Ashbourne, St. Oswald's Hospital. 1st and 3rd Monday a.m. Telephone Ashbourne 2121.

Chest Clinic

Derby, 93 Green Lane, Wednesday 9.30 a.m.to 12 noon and 6.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. Friday 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon and 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. Saturday (Contacts only). 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. By appointment only at all sessions. Tel.No.Derby 40366.

Chest X-Ray Service. Available to Members of the Public

Chest Radiography Centre, Poster, Street, Nottingham. Tel.No. Nottingham 42440.
Public Sessions: Every Tuesday for Men 2.00 p.m. to 4.45 p.m.
Every Thursday for Women 2.00 p.m. to 4.45 p.m.
Additionally during the year 1970 the first monthly session will be extended to 7.30 p.m.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

TO THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ASHBOURNE

Compton Offices,
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25th January, 1972.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the pleasure in presenting my Annual Report for the year ended 31st December, 1970.

The effect of the Housing Act, 1969, began to be felt during the year. Raising Improvement Grants together with the 'fair rent' provisisons led to an increase in the number of grant applications received from both landlords and owner occupiers. Full details of the number of grants approved are given later in the report.

Late in December work was started on the improvement and modernisation of 158 Council houses on the Clifton Road Estate. On top of improving the stock of Council owned properties this scheme will, I feel, act as a good piece of publicity to show property owners just what can be done to the older type of property with the help of Improvement Grants.

In April 1970, a plastic sack refuse collection was introduced over the whole district following a successful trial on a large Council estate. With the co-operation of householders this system is now operating efficiently with the added advantage of being clean and dust free.

During the year the Flood Alleviation Scheme designed and constructed for the Trent River Authority was completed. This should remove one of the more serious problems which has faced the residents of low lying ground in the district in the last few years.

One slaughterhouse in the district closed down in the early part of the year, leaving one small private slaughterhouse still in operation. I am pleased to report that with the help of a local veterinary surgeon who fills the breach during holidays etc., 100% inspection of carcases was again achieved, and that no evidence of tuberculosis or cysticercosis bovis was found.

The Council's Consulting Engineers have completed their work on the proposals to carry out alterations and improvements to the sewage disposal works and the laying of a length of trunk sewer. Contractors should, all being well, commence the work during the coming year. On completion of this work the district will have a sewer system and sewage disposal works which are efficient and capable of accommodating the anticipated increase in population over the next few years.

I wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Chairman and members of the Public Health Committee for their support and the Clerk of the Council, Medical Officer of Health and the Engineer and Surveyor for their help and co-operation during the year, and to my predecessor Mr. E.J. Leyland.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

K. Ashworth

Public Health Inspector

HOUSING ACT, 1969

Improvement Grants

(i) Standard Grants

Number of applications received	12
Number of applications approved	12
Number from owner/occupiers	8
Number from landlords	4
Number of grants paid	9
Total amount of grant paid	£456.07

The number of applications received during 1969 was five.

(ii) Improvement Grants

Number of applications received	9
Number of applications approved	9
Number of dwellings concerned	13
Number from owner/occupiers	3
Number from landlords	10
Total amount of grant approved	£9,886.18
Average grant per dwelling	£760.47

The number of applications received during 1969 was two with a total grant approved of £747.00.

Qualification Certificates

Rent of dwellings in good repair and provided with standard amenities

(a) Applications received	14
(b) Applications approved	12
(c) Applications refused	2
(d) Appeals (i) allowed	NIL
(ii) disallowed	NIL

Rent of dwellings in good repair not provided with standard amenities but on which a grant application was submitted at the same time. (Provisional approval).

(a) Applications received	3
(b) Applications approved	3

HOUSING ACT, 1957

No Clearance Areas were declared during the year.

Four dwellings were made the subject of Closing Orders under the provisions of Section 16/4 of the Act. No families or persons were displaced

Four dwellings were made subject to demolition orders, the houses having been previously closed.

The position at the end of the year regarding unfit dwellings is as follows :-

Number of houses declared unfit to 31st December, 1970 - 129

Number of houses demolished or closed to 31st December, 1970 - 103

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS

Number of informal notices served 14

Number of informal notices complied with 13

Number of formal notices served 1

Number of formal notices complied with 1

On no occasion was it found necessary to carry out "work in default" or institute legal proceedings.

Moveable Dwellings

On site licence has been issued during the year under the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960, permitting the stationing of one caravan on land at Gate Farm, Ashbourne.

New Housing

Fourteen new houses have been erected by private enterprise during the year.

No Council houses have been built but at the time of writing it is proposed that vacant land at Shaw Croft will be developed for this purpose in the near future.

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations

Routine visits to food premises have continued during the year, contraventions noted were dealt with informally. It was not found necessary to institute legal proceedings in any case.

The number of food premises in the district is as follows :

Type of Trade	Number	Food Hygiene (General) Regulations		
		No. of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 16	No. of premises to which Regulation 19 applies	No. of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 19
Bakehouses	4	4	4	4
Butchers	9	9	9	9
Cafes	6	6	6	6
Canteens	6	6	6	6
Confectioners	23	23	23	23
Fishmongers	1	1	1	1
Fish Fryers	2	2	2	2
Greengrocers	9	8	9	9
Grocers	19	18	19	19
Licensed Premises	22	18	22	22
Totals	101	100	101	101

Food and Drugs Act, 1955

The following premises are registered under the provisions of Section 16 of this Act:-

Premises registered for the manufacture and sale of ice cream	Nil
Premises registered for the sale of ice cream	41
Premises registered for manufacture of preserved foods	16

As the whole of the ice cream sold from shops in the district is now pre-packed no samples have been taken for bacteriological examination.

Sampling of Milk and Other Foods

The duty of sampling milk and other foods for the purposes of Section 2 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, falls upon the County Council, and I am indebted to Mr. J. Markland, B.Sc., F.R.I.C., County Analyst, for the following report :

"26 samples were taken in this area, including 5 Milks.

The Milk samples were satisfactory.

Cornish Pasties were deficient in meat. A verbal warning was given to the vendor and a letter sent to the manufacturers.

Following a consumer complaint, a Milk Bottle containing glass was submitted by this Authority. The pieces of glass were from a broken Milk Bottle."

No milk sampling of untreated milk for the presence of Brucella Abortus has been carried out as all milk produced in the district receives heat treatment before sale.

Meat Inspection

At the beginning of the year there were two private licensed slaughterhouses in the district. However one closed in January, the remaining one being used by a local butcher. No meat is being exported out of the town. Five slaughtermen are licensed under the provisions of the Slaughter of Animals Act, 1955.

MEAT INSPECTION SUMMARY FOR 1970

Corresponding figures for 1969 in brackets

	Cattle (Ex. Cows)	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
Animals slaughtered and inspected	260 (234)	- (-)	- (-)	524 (649)	17 (260)
CONDEMNATIONS					
1. All disease except Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis					
Whole carcases condemned	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Carcases of which some part of organ was condemned.	22 (36)	- (-)	- (-)	15 (26)	1 (3)
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	8.4% (15.4%)	- (-)	- (-)	2.8% (4.0%)	5.9% (1.2%)
2. Tuberculosis only					
Whole carcases condemned	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Percentage of number inspected affected with tuberculosis	- (-)	- (-)	(-) (-)	- (-)	- (-)
3. Cysticercosis					
Carcases of which some part of organ was condemned	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration.	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Generalised and totally condemned.	-	-	-	-	-

Analysis of condemned meat

	Beef	Lamb	Pork
Abscesses	130	-	-
Parasites & Cysts	120	47	4
Pleurisy	10	-	-
Total weight (pounds)	260	47	4

Other Foodstuffs Surrendered	lbs.	kgs
Canned meat	103	-
Other canned food	-	17
Other food e.g.frozen etc.	372	-
Total	475	17

There are no poultry processing premises within the urban district.

WATER SUPPLY

The South Derbyshire Water Board provide the water supply for the town, and I am indebted to Mr. I.G.Edwards, Engineer and General Manager, South Derbyshire Water Board, for his observations which are given below :

(a) The water supply to the area has been adequate in quantity and generally satisfactory in quality.

(b) Regular examination is made of both raw and treated water. A total of 50 bacteriological, 2 chemical and 47 partial chemical samples were taken during the year, both at the works and from various points in the Urban District. Of the 50 bacteriological samples taken, one indicated the presence of coliforms. Further checks indicated coliform-free waters.

The supply to the area is derived from three sources:-

	Fluorides
Rodsley Borehole	0.15 p.p.m.
Derby Road Well	0.30 p.p.m.
Ladyhole Borehole	0.04 p.p.m.

(c) None of the water as supplied to the consumer in this area is liable to plumbo-solvent action.

(d) All water is chlorinated before being passed into supply.

(e) The number of dwellings and population supplied :-

(i) Number of dwelling houses, and houses and shops 2,023

(ii) Estimated population supplied 5,660

(iii) I have no record of the number of houses supplied by means of standpipes.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Sewage from the district is treated at the Councils Disposal Works, Mayfield Road. The works is at the moment producing an effluent which is variable in that one or two samples taken by the Trent River Authority have not been quite up to standard. However, as mentioned in the preamble, the works are due to be attended and modernised in the near future and should, after this, be capable of producing an effluent to meet or better the River Authority's requirements.

REFUSE COLLECTION

The whole of the district received a weekly collection from the Council's direct labour force. One vehicle a driver and two loaders are employed on this service. It can be seen that, with only one vehicle, there are the odd times that the collection can be interrupted for mechanical reasons. I am pleased to report that even on these occasions the weekly collection was maintained. This is due in no small way to the efforts of the General Foreman and his staff and I would like to take this opportunity of bringing this to your notice,

Disposal is effected by controlled tipping on the Ashbourne Rural District Council's tip at Clifton, this Council making a contribution towards the running and capital costs incurred in the upkeep of the tip. A Joint Refuse Disposal Committee consisting of representatives from each authority, meet from time to time as necessary.

In addition a weekly collection of salvage is made from business premises, the proceeds from the sale of this together with scrap metal etc., realised a total of £770.00

The nett cost of refuse and salvage collection for the year ended 31st March, 1971, was £7,115 which is equivalent to approximately 5 pence per house per week.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PE TS ACT, 1949

The following table gives details of the number of inspections and treatments carried out during the twelve months ended 31st December, 1970.

	Type of Property	
	Non Agricultural	Agricultural
1. Number of properties in district	2266	19
2. (a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	21	-
(b) Number infested by (i) Rats	17	-
(b) Number infested by (ii) Mice	4	-
3. (a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and or mice for reasons other than notification.	-	-
(b) Number infested by (i) Rats	-	-
(b) Number infested by (ii) Mice	-	-

4. Sewers.
Were the sewers infested by rats during the year? Yes (See below)

Two sewer treatments were carried out during the year by Council staff with guidance from the Field Officer of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheres and Food. The results showed a fairly light infestation present, mainly in the older parts round the town centre. On each occasion treatment was was continued until a "no takes" result was obtained.

PETROLEUM (CONSOLIDATION) ACT, 1928

Sixteen premises are licensed for the storage of a total of 39,200 gallons of petroleum spirit. No new licenses were issued during the year.

Annual inspections of licensed premises are made prior to the renewal of licences to ensure that conditions imposed by the licence are being complied with.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

The following table is a copy of information required by the Secretary of State for Employment.

Inspection of Factories

Premises	Number on Register	Number of Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	4	2	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	55	18	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority.	66	2	-	-
Total	65	22	-	-

Particulars	Number of Cases in which defects were found				Cases which Prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred By H.M. Inspector	Referred By H.M. Inspector	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	1	1	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	1	1	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
Total	2	2	-	-	-

At the year end there were a total of 70 outworkers engaged in the making of wearing apparel. No action was found to be necessary under Sections 133 and 134 of the Act.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Registrations and General Inspections

Class of Premises	No. of premises registered during the year	Total No. of registered premises at the end of year	No. of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year
Offices	1	20	5
Retail Shops	1	63	26
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	-	2	1
Catering establishment open to the public, canteens.	-	7	8
Fuel Storage Depots	-	1	-
Total	2	93	40

Total number of visits of all kinds to registered premises under the Act - 66.

Persons Employed in Registered Premises

Class of Workplace	No. of persons employed
Offices	128
Retails Shops	253
Wholesale departments, warehouses	12
Catering establishments open to the public	53
Canteens	-
Fuel storage depots	5

Total	451
Total Males	174
Total Females	2277

No Exemption Certificates were issued during the year nor any prosecutions taken.

One Inspector has been appointed under Section 52(1) of the Act; and no other staff are employed for most of their time on work in connection with the Act.

A total of 29 contraventions of the Act were found, mainly of a minor nature, which were remedied by informal action.

Public Conveniences

The Council have provided public conveniences at Union Street, Omnibus Station, Recreation Ground and at Mayfield Road,

I regret to report that a considerable amount of vandalism occurred during the year incurring the Council in considerable expense.

It would seem right at this time to appeal to any member of the public who is a witness to any act of vandalism, whether it be in the public conveniences or other Council property, to report the matter to the Police or a Council Officer so that action can be taken to recover the cost of repairs etc, After all it is the ratepayers of the town who up to now have had to pay for these acts of wanton damage.